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Fred Posey and 410 others receive degrees



Rick Rogers, assistant to the president, looks on as outgoing president Thomas E. Umphrey congratulates Mr. Fred Posey upon his reception of an honorary degree from Shelton State

Chalk up another successful year for Shelton on its thriving, beautiful campus

By Kim Eaton

Another year was brought to a close with the commencement exercises held May 12. The college graduated 410 total in the class of 2000, with 120 graduates taking part in the ceremony.

State Board of Education member Sandra Ray presented the commencement speech, a thought-provoking message that dealt with how education has changed the world, will continue to change the world and how “Shelton State’s first class of the new millennium” will be a part of this change.

During the ceremony a special presentation was made to Fred Posey. President Tom Umphrey recognized Posey with an Associate’s of Human Letters degree for his service and support of education in general, but particularly to Shelton State.

With finals, graduation and vacation finally over with, what does

Shelton have to look forward to over the next few months?

According to Lucy Kubiszyn, director of Public Relations for Shelton, the college will be in a “transitional state this summer. We’re losing a president, the dean of academics, the dean of technical studies and 24 other members of the faculty and staff. These retirees are really good people who have made what Shelton is today. Their retirement is a loss to Shelton. So, of course there will be many changes taking place this summer.”

Probably the greatest change will be in finding a new president. The new president will also have to appoint both

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What’s in a name? Meet the Martins

By Kristy Lett and Michelle Stallworth

Have you ever wondered whom Shelton State Community College named the campus after? The new campus is named in honor of Harold and Evelyn Martin.

Harold Martin is an 83-year-old man. He was born in Huntsville and he currently resides in Birmingham with his wife. The Martins have no children. “We think of Dr. Umphrey as our son,” said

Martin.

Harold Martin was a preacher for over 60 years. “My proudest accomplishment in life was being a Methodist preacher,” said Martin.

Harold Martin served as a member of the State Board of Education for 24 years. He served as a chairman of the State Board of Education for 15 years. He never taught at Shelton State.

When the thought of building a public community college in Tuscaloosa arose, there were some mixed thoughts among many people. Some people liked the idea, and other people did not. Some thought it would not be a good idea to build a community college within such a close distance to a major university, such

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Ball teams fall in hard-luck games, but golf squad moves on

Both of Shelton’s ball teams fell hard in their respective state tournaments in May, experiencing disappointing endings to what were otherwise landmark seasons.

The golf team, on the other hand, won its regional tournament May 2 and will defend its national championship June 5 in College Station, Texas.

had promised.

The Shelton Buccaneers, the regular season conference champion baseball team, beat Enterprise 6-5 on Wednesday of tournament week. Matt Moyer “pitched six great innings,” according to Coach Bobby Sprowl. “And the game ended when Martin Jackson made a great catch in the gap with a runner on base to win the game.”

The second round was another heart-thumper; this time the Bucs dropped the game 6-5. The game started on a rough

A Promising Start

Both ball teams got off to good starts in their tournaments, winning their opening games, though not as handily as their recent dominant play

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The Champs go back into Battle—The defending national champion Buccaneers are once again battling for the national championship, this time in College Station, Texas

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as the University of Alabama.

Martin used his position as chairman of the State Board of Education to push the idea of building Shelton State in Tuscaloosa. Shelton State attracts students from Tuscaloosa county, Hale county, and many other counties.

Shelton State is not the only place named after Martin. Jefferson State Community College in Birmingham has a building named after him.

Years ago when Harold was chairman of the State Board of Education, he appointed Judy Merriot to fulfill the role as president of Jefferson State. Judy Merriot was the very first woman president of a public college in the state of Alabama.

"My current occupation is living. When you reach the age of 80-years, it is time

to move aside and let the younger people take your place," said Martin. "I like everything about Shelton State. I think it is one of the greatest community colleges in the state," said Martin.

Many students directly out of high school can obtain the college experience without being overwhelmed by a major university. Most major universities enroll thousands of students every year.

Students that attend a community college get more one on one help and transform easier to a major university as opposed to someone who goes to a major university directly from high school.

"He helped the planning and forming of the two-year college system, so without Dr. Martin, the two-year college system would not be as strong as it is today,"

—Dean Humphrey Lee

"Be proud of your school and study hard so that you can be accepted to a four year school without any problem," said Martin.

Humphrey Lee, the dean of students at Shelton State, believes Martin has contributed a great deal to the school.

"Dr. Martin had been very beneficial to not only to Shelton State, but also been a wonderful influence on how far two-year colleges have come. Historically, Dr. Martin has helped the two-year college movement in the entire state.

"He helped the planning and forming of the two-year college system, so without Dr. Martin, the two-year college system would not be as strong as it is today," said Lee.

Speaking with term of respect

By Tadato Nakamura

Did I forget how to speak Japanese?

Yes I did, more or less. You might say "Don't you have Japanese friends in Tuscaloosa?" Yes I do. I do speak Japanese quite often. So, what did I forget? I forgot how to speak with term of respect.

The other day, I had an interview with a Japanese woman for another news article. I then found myself struggling to get through the conversation smoothly because I could not speak in the way I was traditionally supposed to. After being in Tuscaloosa for five years this is the first time I have ever encountered this type of situation. I completely embarrassed myself.

You might wonder why that is so important. To show respect to elders is one of the most important aspects of Japanese culture. When we speak to elders we use term of

respect. This custom is alive in school, even among the students. It is not uncommon for a junior student to talk to a senior student with term of respect. It may only be a one-year

"I think I need to practice my native language again since I will be returning to Japan soon. It is that serious."

difference, but that one year is enough to be called a senior.

I often see American students speaking to the professor like a friend, but in Japanese that is rarely seen. Thus, the distance between teacher and student is farther apart in Japan than in America. There is no rulebook about these language uses and no one really teaches us, but this is

mutual understood for all Japanese.

But how do we know if the person addressed is older? It usually depends on the person's looks. But it does not always help. I have had some experiences where I misjudged people by depending on their appearances. In this case most people do not care because it was unintentional. However, if I talk to someone obviously older without using term of respect it is considered extremely rude. To avoid the problem, when meeting new people I speak with term of respect unless they are children.

Japan is strict about the language use. Without speaking term of respect no one can live a normal life. In other words, people do not possess this understanding cannot even get a job.

I think I need to practice my native language again since I will be returning to Japan soon. It is that serious.

Future Issues

The *Courier* looks forward to three more issues this school year. One each month is scheduled for June, July and August. Let us know what you would like to know about Shelton by calling the publisher at 391-2278 or the *Courier* editorial office at 391-2406. You may also visit the *Courier* On-line at http://www.shelton.cc.al.us/~courier/courier_main.html

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Since Mercury is the first planet from the Sun in our solar system, it will always be close to the Sun, and, therefore, difficult to observe. Only at special times during the year, when Mercury is at its greatest angle from the Sun from Earth's view can the planet be seen, and the evening of June 9 is one of those times!

On this date, Mercury in what is officially referred to as Greatest Eastern Elongation, which means it will be at its largest angle east of the Sun and will set about an hour after

the Sun sets. To observe Mercury on the 9th, as well as a couple of nights before and after this date, simply find a spot with a clear view of the western horizon, catch the sunset, and look for a fairly bright object above where the Sun sets at the end of the evening twilight. Remember, being a planet, Mercury will not twinkle as stars do.

Mercury was named by the ancients for the messenger of the gods. Mercury had wings on his helmet and his shoes, so that he could fly and deliver his message.

Observing the elusive planet Mercury!

The ancients noted how the planet changed positions relative to the Sun rather quickly, thus they named it for Mercury.

Today, of course, we know why Mercury appears to move rapidly: being the first planet from the Sun, it has the shortest orbit of all the planets.

Keep looking up, and mark June 9 on your calendar and catch a glimpse at the most elusive of the planets visible to the naked eye—Mercury!

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dean of academics and technical studies. "Whoever the new president is should be ready to take Shelton to the next level," said Dr. Tom Umphrey, current president of Shelton State.

"Those of us left are going to be doing different things to try and keep Shelton running smoothly," remarked Kubiszyn.

Dean Humphrey Lee, dean of students, also commented on the transitional activities that will take place because of the president and two deans retiring at the end of the

summer. "A search for the new president will be on the back of everyone's mind," Lee commented.

Apart with finding replacements for the retirees, this summer has a few extra things going on. Star Days, Shelton State's special registration for incoming freshmen with scholarships, are scheduled to begin in July.

Honors Night recognizes some of Shelton State's best and brightest

Jessica Lynn Smith of Gordo was named the 2000 recipient of the Leo Sumner Award, Shelton's highest honor given each year to the outstanding sophomore student. The award is named in honor of former Shelton president Leo Sumner. Selection is based on GPA, community and school service, academic recognition and job and family responsibilities.

Smith served as VP for Phi Theta Kappa and was a member of the SGA. She was also named Miss Shelton State.

Smith works in the ticket office of Theatre Tuscaloosa, wrote about theatre for the *Courier*, and played the lead in *Cinderella* and also played prominent roles in other departmental and Theatre Tusca-

loosa productions, as well as serving in backstage positions. Smith also served with such civic groups



Jessica Smith received the Leo Sumner award from the man

as a Big Sister, the Salvation Army and other groups.

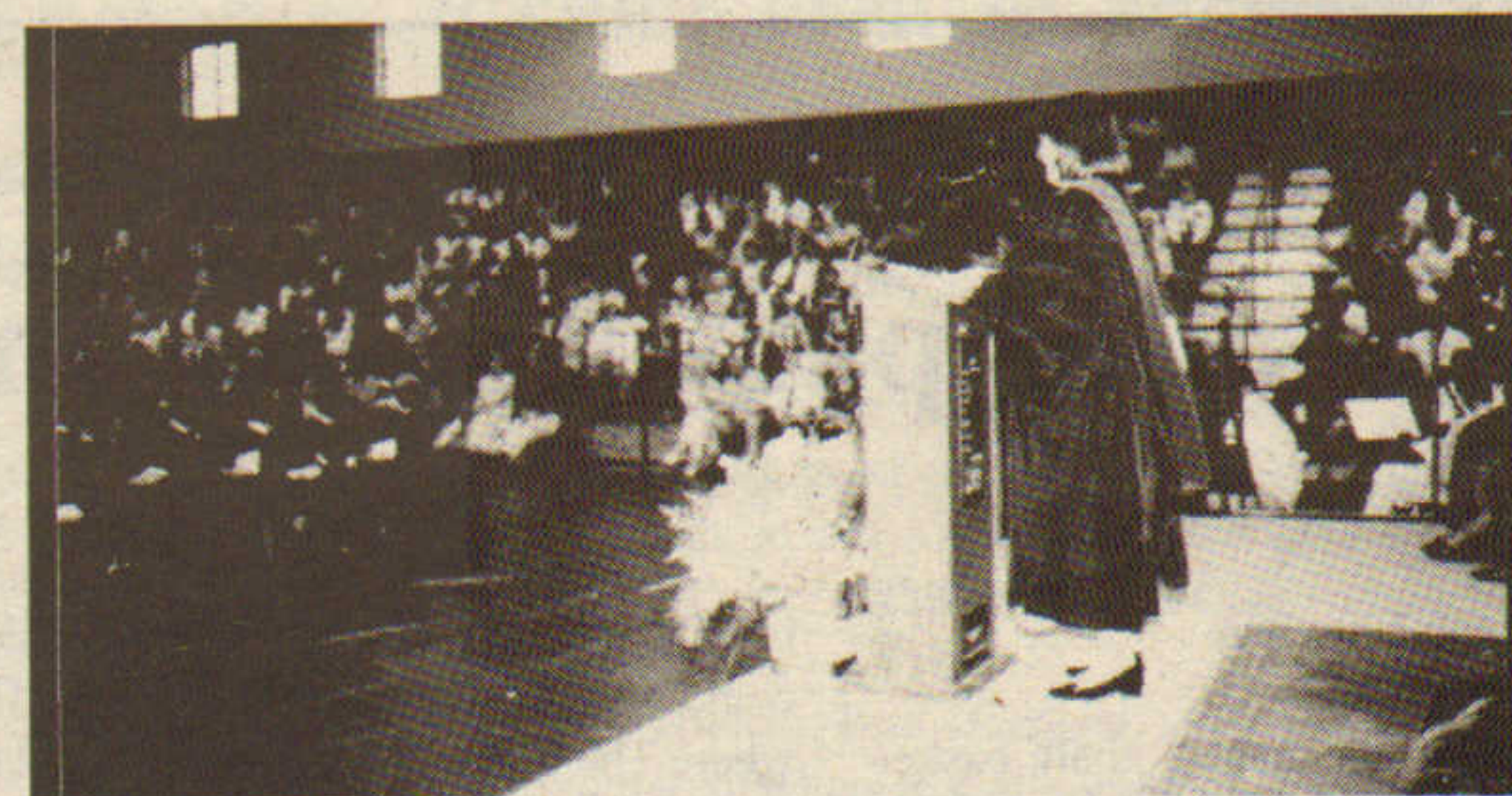
Norma Nicole Green was named the recipient of the James B. Allen Award. Mother of a three-year old daughter Green was very active with PTK and volunteered with Salvation Army, the Kentuck Festival and the Young Authors Conference.

Kelly Leib Wyatt was given the Harold I. James Award as the outstanding technical student.

Shelton Ambassador Tiffany Pate was named the Outstanding Freshman.

Other award winners by program included:
Business—Kim Cockrell, Anita Gilliland,

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Sandra Ray addresses Shelton's "first graduates of the new millennium"

Ms. Ray shares wisdom with packed house—The seating in the Gymnasium was full when Ray gave the commencement speech at Shelton

State Board of Education member Sandra Ray gave an inspiring yet thoughtful message to the 120 graduates taking part in the Shelton State Community College graduation ceremony May 12, 2000.

"Educating yourself is a favor you do for your community, your state, your nation," Ray said. "Society is grateful to you and celebrates with you because, as part of an educated population, you can make intelligent and positive decisions and choices to enhance the quality of

your personal life and thereby improve the lives of those with whom you come in contact."

Ray spoke of how intelligence has been responsible for the atom bomb scare and Y2K bug, but that it also has brought about wonders that have created vast improvements in the quality of life.

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Getting ready to rumble—boxing and wrestling part of scene in Tuscaloosa

By Jeb Lovvorn

Other than football, basketball and baseball there are two more sporting events that seem to be making a name for themselves in Tuscaloosa: boxing and wrestling.

Wrestling is a very recent sport that has been added to Tuscaloosa. It began to make its name in January of 1999. The promoters are former world tag team champion Robert Gibson and his sister Ruby Collard. Gibson is currently on a wrestling tour overseas, while Collard is the supervisor for All Pro Wrestling.

"Our main goal is to get bigger, to start doing shows once a week instead of doing shows once a month," said Collard.

At the local wrestling shows, there are different wrestlers at each show, except for Gibson who wrestles at every show. "We try to bring different stars to All Pro Wrestling, such as The Iron Sheik and Tutenka," said Collard. "We try to get at least on big name for every show."

The wrestlers come from all over to wrestle on the All Pro Wrestling Circuit. Some are from World Championship Wrestling (WCW), while others are from The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) and Extreme Championship Wrestling (ECW).

"This is a really fun, entertaining sport, with good actors and wrestlers," said Mike Youngblood, a wrestler on the All Pro Wrestling Circuit. "You get larger than life characters that you can jump, scream and shout at. It's all a really great way to let out aggression."

"Most wrestling organizations just imitate real life," said Tony Spade, another wrestler on the All Pro Wrestling Circuit. "Life is made up of villains, and heroes and professional wrestling is one of the things people can see and look up to. They love the good guys and hate the bad guys. They sometimes want the bad guys to screw the good guys, but what is important is that people get involved."

The wrestlers on the All Pro Wrestling Circuit make an average

of \$250 per hour. This is nothing compared to the WWF or WCW, where The Rock makes \$10,000 for every appearance.

There is one local wrestling school in Tuscaloosa. It is located at the J.C. Fairgrounds and is run by Gibson. "Right now there are nine students in the wrestling school and just a few of them are local," said Collard.

With the popularity of wrestling on the upswing so is the attendance and popularity of the independent shows. Independent shows are smaller but they show the talent of wrestlers who are coming through the ranks.

Collard said that the independent shows they have put on have done very well. "We have had enormous attendance, and we usually sell around 200 to 400 tickets," said Collard. "We always have a great response from the crowd."

The local wrestling matches are always staged at the West Alabama Fairgrounds. If you want to see some great action and good young talent, then you should check out the All Pro Wrestling Circuit. Currently the All Pro Wrestling Circuit does a double spot every month and are hoping to branch out to many other areas around the southeast.

Another sport that has not gone unnoticed in Tuscaloosa is the sport of boxing. "Our goals are to make boxing as big as we can in this area, and to be more well known throughout the nation and to be covered by more big magazines," said boxing promoter Jay Deas, head of Sky Promotions.

Sky Promotions currently has four local boxers under contract. They include Tony "T-Bone" Adams, Wade Lewis, Jeff Dodson and Shelton State student Brad Thompson. The other boxers that have boxed in the local shows have represented 11 states and four foreign countries: Greece, New Zealand, Canada and Germany.

"These guys are pro boxers," said Deas. "The lowest

paid at these local shows makes \$300 a fight, and the highest paid makes \$2,000 a fight."

Sky Promotions tries not to promote shows during the football season. They have three local shows between February and August, and they have two more elsewhere, such as Meridian, Miss.

"We always have a great crowd at the local shows, usually between 600 and 800 people show up for the boxing matches at the Northport Civic Center," said Deas.

The last local match was May 12 at the Northport Civic Center. The main event featured Jeff Johnson, who has fought over a dozen times on national television. Shelton State student Thompson also fought in one of the featured bouts.

"I first started getting into boxing when I saw Mike Tyson knock out Spinks in less than 30 seconds, and also my brother had gotten into boxing and I wanted to take after him," said Thompson.

Thompson is 22 years old and has been boxing for one year and three months. He works out about 12 hours in the gym every week and runs three and a half to four miles a day. His record as a professional is 1-0, and his favorite boxer is Muhammad Ali.

"My goals in boxing are to get a title shot or to have an opportunity at a big name fighter someday," said Thompson. "Hopefully, someday I can make a career out of boxing."

Anyone interested in learning to box professionally should contact Sky Promotions Boxing Gym, located in Northport. There are close to 20 members in the school. They consist of pro boxers, amateurs and people who just want to get in shape.

A great way to spend a Friday evening is when a local boxing show is in town. It is great entertainment, and a great chance to see some young talent coming through the ranks.

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Shelton Singers thank long-time supporters at spring concert

After the Shelton Singers and the Shelton Jazz Band performed their spring concert, Glinda Blackshear, director of the Singers, brought to the stage some of the supporters who have helped them achieve 20 years of melodious success.

Harkening back to the early days when the Singers were forced to perform the best they could on little more than a smile and a

shoeshine, Blackshear noted the efforts of President Tom Humphrey, Dean of Students Humphrey Lee, Academic Dean Arthur Howington and long-time music department stalwart Syble Coats.

Blackshear noted how this foursome was willing to do whatever it took, from driving the bus to singing in the choir themselves.



With the Shelton Singers ready to serenade behind them, Arthur Howington, Syble Coats and Humphrey Lee take their plaques back to their seats at the spring concert in the Bean-Brown Theatre

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Governor chooses Shelton to launch children's initiative—
Gov. Don Siegelman chose Shelton's Child Development Center to publicize his administration's efforts to enhance the quality of life and preparedness in education for the state's children. The governor shook the hands of all the children—and adults—present and seemed to be genuinely delighted to interact with the CDC's non-voting clientele. Recent laws signed by Siegelman established the Children's Policy Council and the Office of School Readiness.

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David Drinkard, Dennis Reach, Janet Hendrick, Misty Nix, Jeff Bain, Angelika Keis, Kelly Carnes, Bruce Boswell, Tiffany Brownlee, Bryanna Scott, Jennifer Dillard and Audrey Johnson

Communication Technology —Barry Beck, Aubrey Waid, Jeremy Fladstol, Kelli Campbell Skelton, Anita Parsons, Laresa Agee, Kelly Wyatt, Stephanie Williams, Thelma Carpenter, Evet Krista Koon, Susan Whitten, Lisa Edge, Bernadette Allen, Kasey Johnson Hughey, Sherron Franklin and Leigh Anne Young.

Humanities— Lauren Moore, Tiffany Pate, Jennifer McGuff, Jessica Smith, Kim Eaton, and Russell Frost

Mathematics— Suzanne Cockrell, Misty Nix, Audrey Johnson, Yu-Ling Ko and Ching-Kuang Wang

Natural Science —Michael David Justice, Adrienne C. Wilder, Benjamin Thomas Davis, Amanda Paige Baugh, Joseph P. Patton III, Marie Winkler, Matthew B. Hallman, Christopher Hewett, Audrey L. Johnson, Christy Williams, Micah Howard, Phillip Crunk, Angela Emery, Tonia Thorton, Joyce S. Sullivan, Rebecca S. Thomason, Mark Brannon Roberts, Sherry Saffold, Angela Carol Emery, Yu-Ling Ko and Ching-Kuang Wang.

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Speech and Fine Arts —Meredith Harper, Eric Curtis, Joseph Dodson, Russell Frost, Jessica Smith, Gretchen McGinnis, Brady Wilson, Mary Kathryn Perkins, Melanie McDaniel, Chin-Mei Li, Latt Hallman and Michael Nix.

Technologies—William Brown, David Wyatt, Karen Cunningham Worley, Stephen P. Slough, Kevin Breland, Trent Hollmark, Pamela Corley Hannah, Charlie Alan Walker, Matthew Lani Fountain and Chris Babb.

Wellness—Camie Harrell, Crystal Lawley, Lillian Summerville, Dennis Fields, Christian Sparks, Anthony Moseley, June Ellis, Beth Lipsey, Jill Long and Bonnie Miller

Administration seeking food court substitute for the atrium area at the college

If you are looking for some good food fast these days on campus you will not be able to find it. Sodexo Marriott, the original food company, left Shelton at the end of its contract due to a lack of volume of business.

The food court is temporarily close until the school can find another company to fill this void. Shelton hopes to put a service in the area that will provide a full array of fast foods including hamburgers, fries, and pizza.

One student, Paul Harrison, says he has missed not having somewhere to grab something to eat between his busy class schedule and hopes that, "they will have more than one company so that there will be competition and somewhere to eat at all times." Another student, Ashley Stallings, says she, "Didn't even notice that the food court was closed, because she doesn't have time between her busy schedule of classes to stop, so it is easier for her to drive through somewhere on her way to work."

Dr. Rick Rogers, Assistant to the Dean, said "Shelton is presently negotiating with other food services and hopes to have a new company by this fall." So until then, plan on getting lunch somewhere else other than at school.

Rails-to-trails may be one transportation answer for Tuscaloosa... someday

By Kristy Lett

Although it may sound preposterous to commuters who fire up the family truckster every morning and fill their tanks each evening with nearly \$2-per-gallon gas, there is possible help around the corner for those who would take advantage of a safe bike trail to school or work.

Rails-to-Trails is a nonprofit organization going on around all parts of the country, even in Tuscaloosa. This project has been in the front burner of projects for longer than 15 years, but negotiations have been on-going for an even longer time.

Rails-to-Trails is meant to enrich communities all over the

United States by creating a network of public trails from abandoned railroads into paved trails. These trails would allow people to ride bikes, walk pets, exercise, and do many other activities.

Railroads are considered abandoned when the service is discontinued. There are many railroads that are not in service in all parts of the state, including Tuscaloosa. The abandoned railroads are absolutely useless unless people create a purpose for their existence. The abandoned railroads accumulate trash and many weeds. The railroads also make the surroundings look dirty and unpleasant.

Tuscaloosa is notorious for the lack of sidewalks and even shoulders on the roadway that a health

and-cost conscious bicyclist might use. Many people are awaiting the project to be finished in Tuscaloosa; however, it seems to be taking too long. There has not been one abandoned railroad in Tuscaloosa turned into a trail. Some complain that if the people in charge of rails-to-trails keep talking about the project, but they never begin to work on it, then people may eventually lose interest.

Steven Jackson, a student at Shelton said, "I would like to be able to use the rails to walk or ride my bike, but I am starting to doubt the project. I keep hearing about rails-to-trails, but I have yet to see any abandoned railroads under construction."

This program is fully funded by the taxpayers. A grant has been approved by the state, Jim Green, a planner for Rails-to-Trails, said. "The money could come in tomorrow or in two months."

The new multi-purpose pathways are good for commuting to work, school, or even the mall. You can also go bicycling, in-line skating, walking, or even horseback riding. "I think this is a good idea. I would ride my bike to class and to many other places," said Jackson. The trails are also a safe place to have personal contact with nature.

There are also many benefits

of the rails-to-trails project. For example, there are no longer going to be tall weeds and trash where abandoned railroads once were. The city will also be more appealing. Jim Green said, "It's like moving an eye sore and making an unusable area usable."

Is this a dream or reality for the city of Tuscaloosa?

Only time will tell when this is going to begin. Who knows, maybe we will get to take a nature walk down a paved path with no automobiles sometime this decade. As soon as the funding is received the rails-to-trails project will finally begin.

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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

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note with starter Jason McCollister being noticeably shaken when he hit a Lurleen B. Wallace batter in the face with a pitch in the first inning.

Shelton fought back from the three-run deficit, however, and tied the game in the sixth. "We could never get that big hit," commented Sprowl. "And in the ninth we lost the game with the go-ahead run on base."

The tough loss put Shelton in the losers bracket in the eight-team tournament. It looked like the Buccaneer bats were heating up during the next game versus Jeff State on Friday, as they jumped to a 7-1 lead. "I started McCollister because he hardly got any work the previous day. I hoped he could get us a good three or four innings. Well, he gave us six good ones. Unfortunately, as I told Dr. Umphrey who was visiting on the bench, you can't go to a knee in baseball. There is no time limit. You have to

get those outs."

Jeff State caught Shelton in the ninth, scored three runs and won the game, 9-7. "It was a tough loss for the 18-19 year olds," said Sprowl. "They can't help but be looking forward to the next game, but it is all over."

Softball team can't convert their late-season momentum

The Lady Buccaneers softballers ended their season with a respectable 30-26 overall record and an impressive and unprecedented 27-13 conference tally.

In game one of the state tournament, Shelton showed why they were the hottest team going in. The team handled Enterprise with ease, 5-0, with outstanding pitcher Jennifer McCarty throwing a complete game shutout. McCarty also went three-for-four at the plate and had an rbi. Cindy Martin, one of the best players and highest average hitters in the nation according to Shelton coach Dixie Terry, went three-for-three and had an outstanding tour-

namment.

The women met their Waterloo at the hands of Jeff State also. Coach Terry felt very strongly that if they could get past this team, they could go all the way.

The game proved quite a sensation, going into extra innings and being settled with the international tie-breaker method.

At 2-2, in the eighth, the Lady Bucs are given a runner on second base to start the inning. As is usually the strategy, the runner, Cindy Martin, is moved to third on a sacrifice bunt. She scored on a hit by Meredith Whitbeck, so Shelton took a 3-2 lead.

However, the Jeff State team also scored in the bottom of the eighth, using the same sacrifice strategy.

By this time, all the other participating teams had finished their games and settled into the bleachers to watch the Shelton-Jeff State epic battle.

The players didn't disappoint. Shelton scored a run in the top of the

ninth, taking a 4-3 lead.

Jeff State tied the game in the bottom of the ninth, but it seemed that Shelton would hold them and get one more crack. But it was not to be as an untimely dropped ball spelled the difference in the game.

From the loser's bracket, the Lady Bucs bravely fought on, beating Wallace of Dothan 5-4. The team showed its heart by scoring three runs in the seventh inning to win the game.

With renewed confidence, the Lady Bucs took on Northwest-Shoals and their wunderkind pitcher Cindy Williams, who pitched in all 40 games her team played this year. "She is really something, a tremendous athlete, but we had beaten her twice this year and felt we could again," said Coach Terry.

"We are up 2-1 in the fourth, with our great pitcher, McCarty, throwing well. But slowly they began to chip away at us, with a hit here and a run there. Eventually we lost the game 10-2, and that was it."

Coach Terry is very optimis-

tic about next year, however, with many recruits already lined up who played in the state championships for the Alabama high schools. These player's names cannot be revealed yet, but will be enumerated in a summertime issue of the *Courier*.

Golf team seems to find themselves

In early May, the golf team finally seemed to reach its potential when it took the first of the two most important tournaments of the year—the regional championship in Brewton.

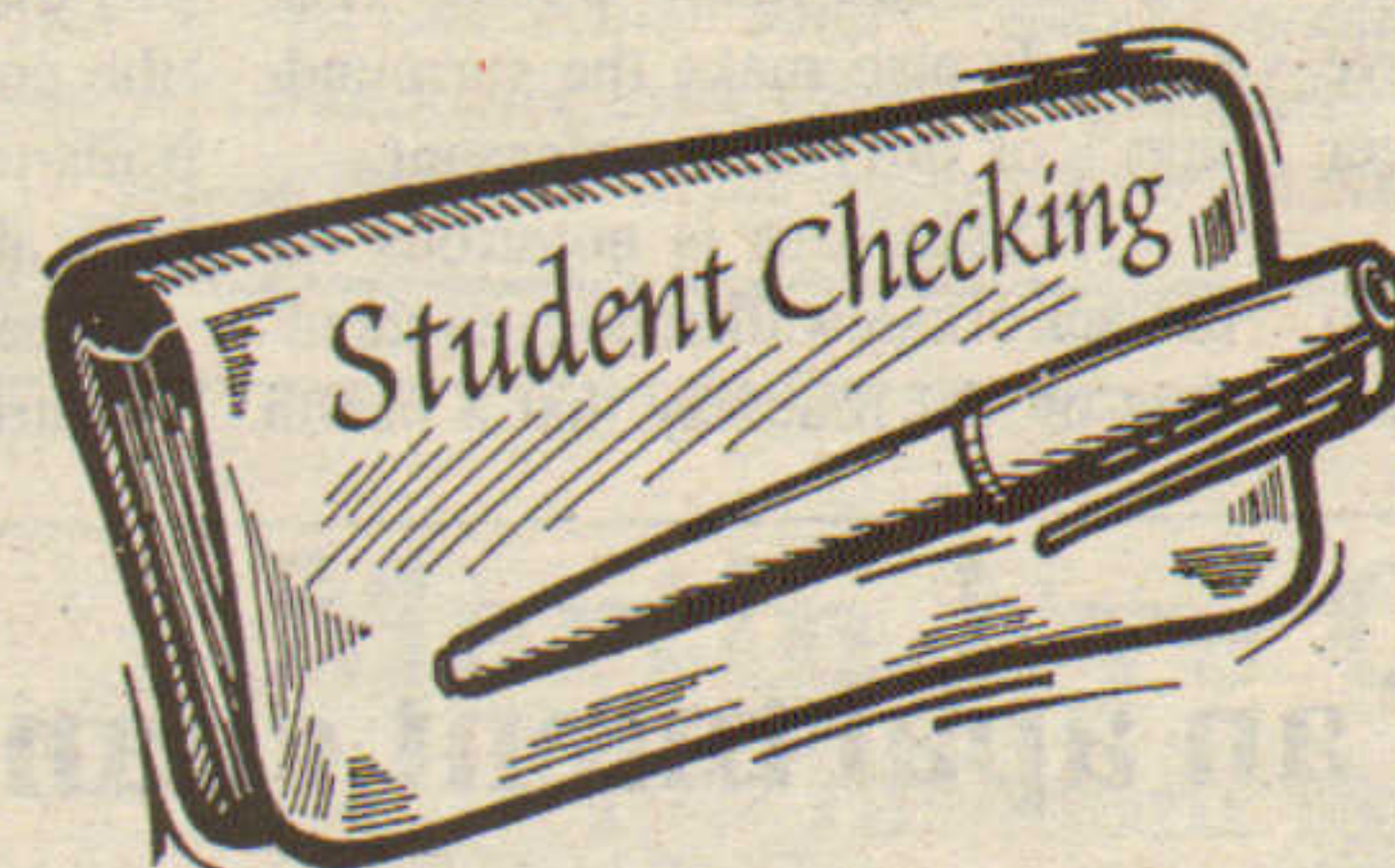
The Buccaneers tallied 895, finishing 14 strokes ahead of runner-up Beville State. Shelton's Nick Bamber and Drew Jones tied for medalist honors with scores of 222, and Danny Germaine came in next with a 224. Adam Harris was not far behind at 229. It was, far and away, the defending champs best showing of the year. To follow up, then, Coach Terry did not hesitate to allow his team to go home during

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the break between the spring and summer terms.

"When the guys go home to relax and practice, something magical happens," observed golf coach Terry. That is why the coach does not feel the usual coach's angst with his players spread out, even though the national championship tournament is at hand. There will be 13-15 teams competing for the title, but Terry believes his squad will be ready. "I hope it's 150 degrees in College Station for the tournament. Our main competition is Indian Hills College from Iowa, and it stands to reason they won't be used to the kind of heat we have been playing in all spring."

Now that the team is back on campus, relaxing his golfers until the departure June 3 was the best thing Terry believed he could do. "We will go to Birmingham and play Greystone on the Friday before the trip, have a cookout and just try to have nice day at a great golf course."

What can the coach do during a tournament to help his players? After all, they are out there on their own battling numbers. "Actually you can do a fair amount," said Terry. You can go over yardage with them and club selection. But

the most important thing you can do is keep them patient. Everybody is going to make mistakes, blow a shot here and there. You have to keep them focused on their own rounds and turning in the best score they can, regardless of the

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circumstances. If you can get them to play the best they can and they get beat, then all you can do is make sure they all shake hands and congratulate the winner."

Speaking of Winners

The golf team is one of Shelton's units who will see tremendous success in sending its players to the next level of competition.

Drew Jones will be taking his game to the University of Alabama at Birmingham next year.

UAB will be playing for the national championship this year in the NCAA and is now one of the top-25 teams in the nation. Coach Terry said Jones turned down both Tennessee and LSU.

Nick Bamber, the Englishman, will be playing for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. He also had offers from Austin Peay and Jacksonville State.

Johan Rolfe, who never cracked the top five for the Buccaneers, has gotten an offer from UT Chattanooga, helped along by his 4.0 GPA.

Danny Germiane is considering the offers of a number of institutions, among them Florida Atlantic and Jacksonville State.

Jumpei Okuda and Jeff Yokel are in conversation with Alabama A&M, which is restructuring its academic programs and athletic teams and is looking to bring in some ready talent.

Baseball Coach Bobby Sprowl says most of his starting team and pitchers will also find spots in 4-year colleges. "We will also have two or three drafted by the pros. You know we are always going to be pretty good with what we have to offer here, including the new field. But, as always, pitching will be at a premium. We are looking for pitchers, but so is everybody else."

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Tuscaloosa's soul food restaurants offer great food and price

By Michelle Stallworth

Soul food is a Southern tradition that has been a part of most southern individual's lives. Soul food started out as a means of survival for many black American slaves.

Soul food was whatever could be grown on the farm and the parts of the pig that were not eaten by the white families the people worked for. Pig tails, chitlins (the inside of pig intestines), pig feet and pig heads were often parts of the pig served in the homes of the slaves. Other foods have also become a part of the soul food tradition such as fish, chicken, pork, and other parts of the pig.

Soul food restaurants have become a growing phenomena in the United States. Soul Delicious and K.S.V. Restaurant are two restaurants that have made soul food a part of the Tuscaloosa dining scene.

Soul Delicious is located on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard just down the street from Shelton's Fredd campus. The restaurant has been open for two successful years. The owner, Dwight Gains, is a 34-year-old graduate of the University of Alabama and is a Tuscaloosa na-

tive.

"Before I opened the restaurant here, I drove by this building almost every day and thought that it would be a good place to open a restaurant serving the kind of food that I liked to eat," Gains said. He also commented that business has been great since the doors opened and he has many regulars.

The restaurant has a variety of foods to choose from such as: meat and veggie plates, Blueberry pancakes, grits, hash browns, taco salad, hot wings, and several other dishes.

K.S.V. is another local soul food restaurant, with more of an old-home, Southern-style food selection. K.S.V. is located at 2931 15th Street on the west side.

The restaurant has been open for 12 years. The restaurant is named after owner Joe Taylor Jr.'s daughters Katrine, Shannon, and Valerie. Taylor said the restaurant was started as a means to give his late mother, Ethel Long Sharp, and his aunt, Emma Gardner, something to keep them busy. Gardner is still the restaurant main cook. "We never dreamed it would take off like it has," said Taylor.

The restaurant has many regular customers who are all treated like family. Taylor says people come from counties around on a particular day to eat a particular meat or vegetable that day. "We have tried to change our menu, but we can't, because they won't let us."

Shelton staff member Dr. Jim Kenny says the key to KSV's success is really good food. "I eat here at least twice a week. The food is delicious and the portions are huge, all for \$5, and no tipping. I especially love their spaghetti on Tuesday and the meat loaf on Friday. Nobody can touch either of those. Also, I find myself eating some kind of greens every time I go in there. I guess they're collards, but I'm not really sure. All I know is that greens are full of iron, right? I feel so healthy after I eat that mess of greens at KSV."

The staff stays busy although they make work hard but they manage to have fun while doing their

jobs, as evidenced by all the smiling and laughing served up with the plates of meat and three vegetables.

The menu consists of a great variety of home-cooked meals including country fried steak, baked chicken, and southern fried chicken, which is served with fresh cooked vegetables like collard greens, cream potatoes, and okra. You can also get a little more soul in your diet by

ordering neck bones, hog maws, or pig ears.

Both restaurants have customers of all ages, who have grown up on this delicious diet and simply refuse to stay away. These two soul food restaurants add a wonderfully diverse flavor and culture to the Tuscaloosa area.



People just love to get them some—Huge helpings of good—even nutritious—food is order of the day at KSV on 15th Street for owner Joe Taylor Jr. (R).

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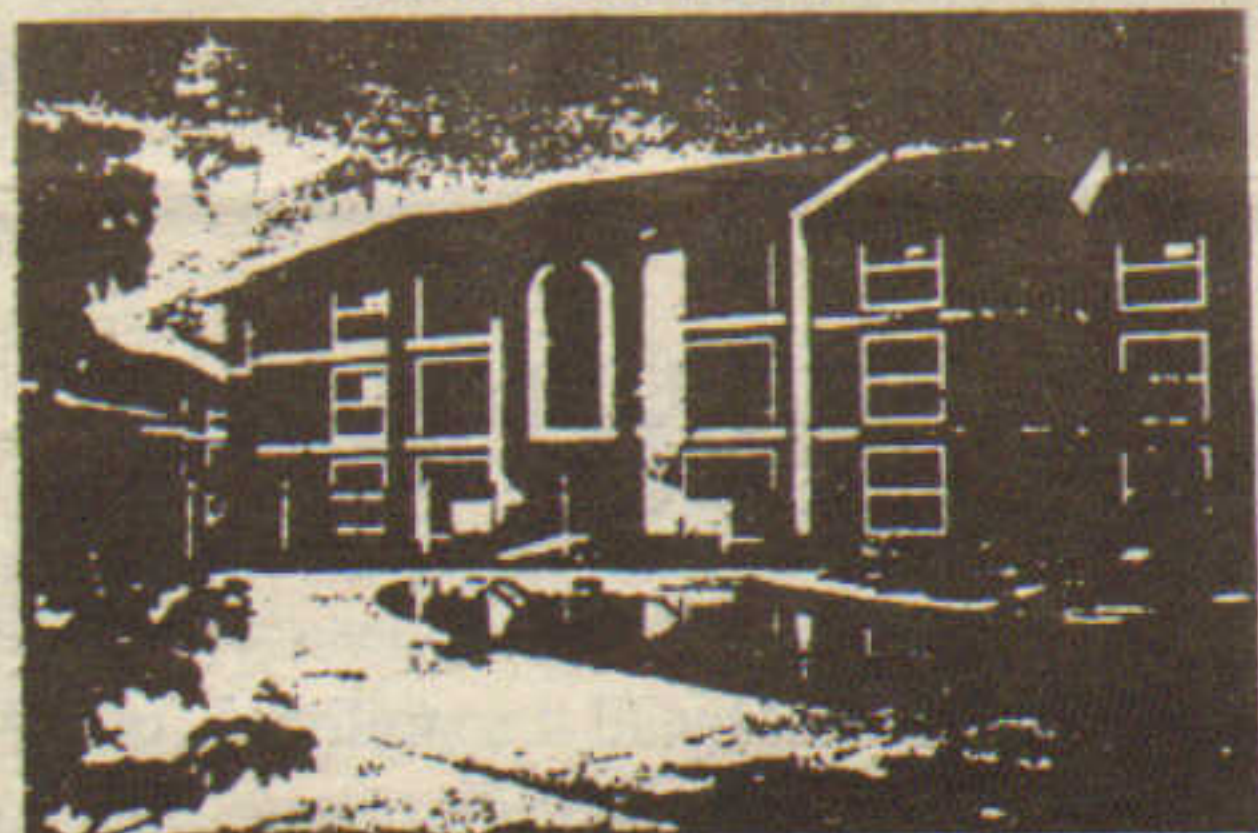
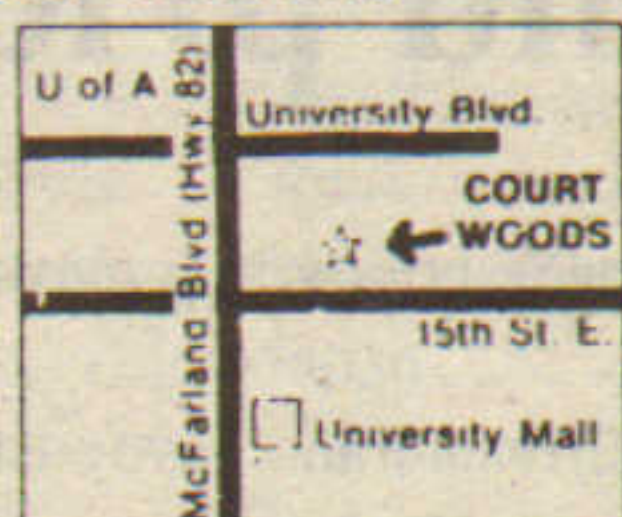
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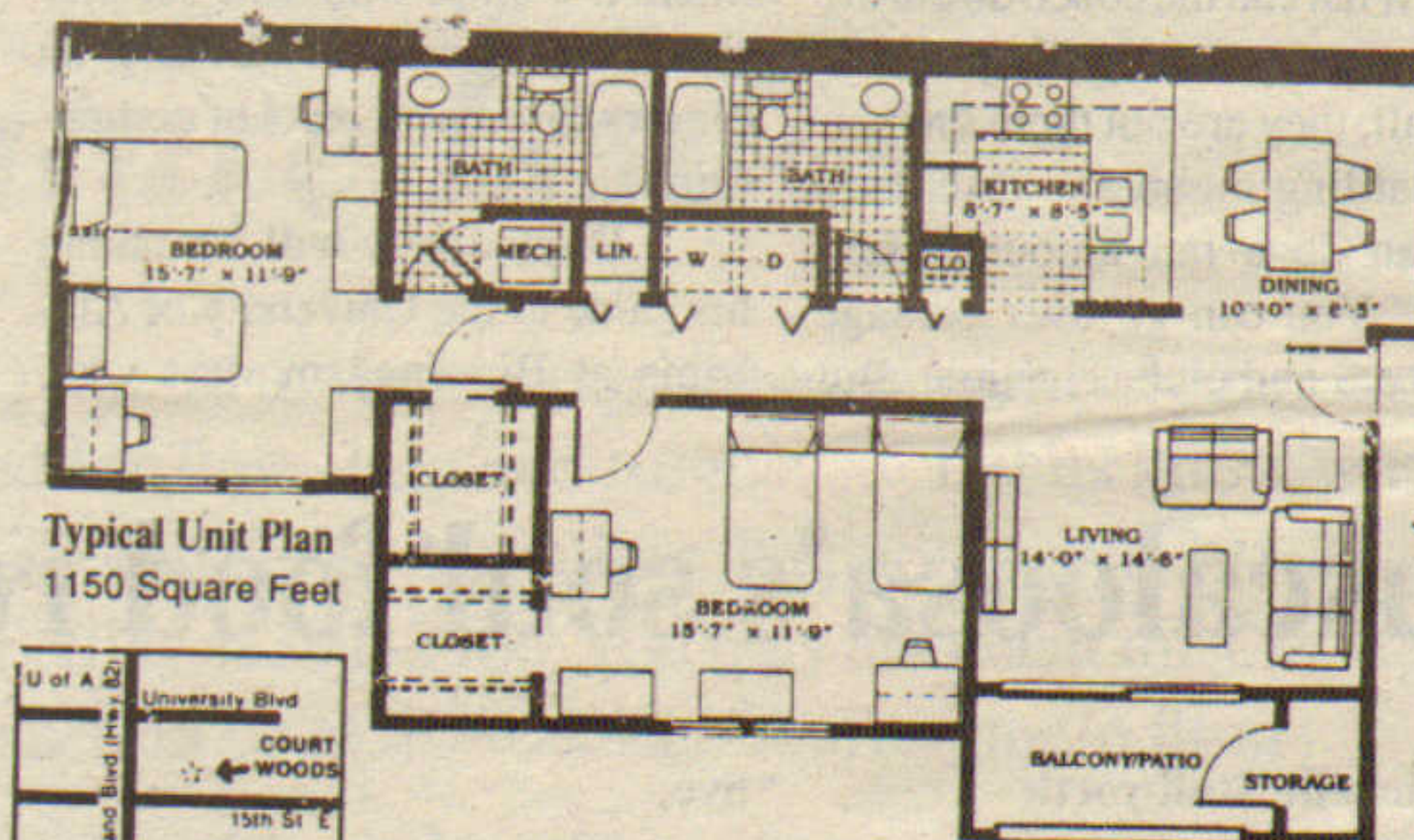
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